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## **OPA Daily Digest for 6/23/14**

### **Congressional Inquiries:**

**Sen. Roy Blunt** (Mo.) – Email/Letter – 6/20/14: Gentry County concerned with EPA fine for violation of the CWA. Due: 7/7/14. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

**Rep. Sam Graves** (Mo.); **Rep. Vicky Hartzler** (Mo.); **Rep. Jason Smith** (Mo.); **Rep. Ann Wagner** (Mo.); **Rep. Billy Long** (Mo.); **Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer** (Mo.); **Rep. Kevin Yoder** (Kan.); **Rep. Lynn Jenkins** (Kan.); **Rep. Adrian Smith** (Neb.) – Letter – 6/17/14: Concerns regarding the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permitting of Water Treatment Plant lime residuals along the Missouri and Mississippi rivers. Due: 7/2/14. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

### **State Government Inquiries:**

None.

### **Press Inquiries:**

**Associated Press, Kansas City** - Maria Fisher – 6/23/14: Questions regarding condensates and Olpe, Kansas incident. Referred to Kansas Department of Health & Environment. Contact: David Bryan, 7433 (closed)

**Associated Press, Kansas City** - Maria Fisher – 6/2/14: Follow-up questions regarding National Zinc site in Cherryvale, Kan. Contact: David Bryan, 7433 (open)

**Wall Street Journal** – John Emshwiller – 6/20/14: Follow-up questions about EPA's cleanup levels for total Radium and Thorium-230 in the Supplemental Feasibility Study Work Plan for OU-1 at the West Lake Landfill Site in Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (open)

## **Environmental Stories:**

**KPLR-TV, St. Louis, Mo. - Homeowners near Bridgeton Landfill seeking more settlement options** - 6/22/14 - Thursday Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster announced a settlement had been reached with the owners of the Bridgeton Landfill. But on Sunday, homeowners and neighbors near the landfill met with a new lawyer to discuss their options.

<http://kplr11.com/2014/06/22/homeowners-near-bridgeton-landfill-seeking-more-settlement-options/>

**Politico - Supreme Court nibbles at EPA's greenhouse gas powers** - 6/23/14 - The Supreme Court partially upheld and partially rejected a set of early EPA greenhouse gas regulations for industrial pollution sources Monday, in a largely symbolic case that as expected left the agency's powers over carbon pollution almost entirely intact.

<http://www.politico.com/story/2014/06/supreme-court-epa-early-greenhouse-gas-rules-108181.html>

**The New York Times - Justices, With Limits, Let E.P.A. Curb Power-Plant Gases** - 6/23/14 - The Supreme Court on Monday handed President Obama's Environmental Protection Agency a victory in its efforts to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from stationary sources like power plants.

[http://www.nytimes.com/2014/06/24/us/justices-with-limits-let-epa-curb-power-plant-gases.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/06/24/us/justices-with-limits-let-epa-curb-power-plant-gases.html?_r=0)

**The Guardian - Corn farming in the midwest heavily taxes water resources and supply** - 6/23/14 - Fueled by national ethanol mandates, livestock feed demand and growing exports, US corn production has nearly doubled in the past two decades and is now the nation's biggest cash crop. Last year's record harvest was nearly 14bn bushels, enough corn to fill a freight train that can circle the earth. Only 10% of the corn is for direct human consumption.

<http://www.theguardian.com/sustainable-business/2014/jun/23/corn-farming-midwest-water-pollution-nitrates-scarcity>

**Radio Iowa - Environmental group says Ottumwa pork plant has big impact on waterway** - 6/23/14 - A report released by the group Environment Iowa lists Cargill Meat Solutions' pork processing plant in Ottumwa as the state's number one disposer of toxic chemicals into waterways. In 2012, Cargill disposed of more than 2.8 million pounds of chemicals into the Lower Des Moines River.

<http://www.radioiowa.com/2014/06/23/environmental-group-says-ottumwa-pork-plant-has-big-impact-on-waterway/>

**KWWL-TV, Waterloo, Iowa - Justices limit existing EPA global warming rules - 6/23/14** - The Supreme Court on Monday placed limits on the sole Obama administration program already in place to deal with power plant and factory emissions of gases blamed for global warming.

<http://www.kwwl.com/story/25844929/justices-limit-existing-epa-global-warming-rules>

**New Republic - Maybe Those EPA Rules Aren't Quite Such a Big Deal - 6/22/14** - Forget the bluster from fossil fuel groups and coal state representatives. And don't pay so much attention to the administration's bragging. The Environmental Protection Agency's new rule about carbon pollution from power plants isn't that stringent. That's why major environmental groups, though pleased to see the new rule, are quietly pushing the Administration to make it even stronger before it becomes final. The planet, they say, can't wait for progress.

<http://www.newrepublic.com/article/118297/epa-carbon-rules-might-not-go-far-enough>

**Wichita Eagle - Supreme Court limits EPA power to regulate greenhouse gas pollution - 6/23/14** - A fractured Supreme Court on Monday limited but did not eradicate the Environmental Protection Agency's power to regulate certain greenhouse gas emissions.

<http://www.kansas.com/2014/06/23/3522018/supreme-court-limits-epa-power.html>

**KCUR Radio, Kansas City, Mo. - EPA Grants May Help Redevelop Parts Of Kansas, Missouri - 6/23/14** - The EPA has awarded \$1.2 million for projects in a 15-county area of northeast Kansas and northwest Missouri. The money will be used to redevelop underused or abandoned properties, and to train residents and help them land environmental jobs.

<http://kcur.org/post/epa-grants-may-help-redevelop-parts-kansas-missouri>

**Nebraska TV - Justices rap EPA, but uphold global warming rules - 6/23/14** - The Supreme Court largely left intact Monday the Obama administration's only existing program to limit power plant and factory emissions of the gases blamed for global warming. But a divided court also rebuked environmental regulators for taking too much authority into their own hands without congressional approval.

<http://www.nebraska.tv/story/25844929/justices-rap-epa-but-uphold-global-warming-rules>

**Ozarks First - Report: Millions of Pounds of Toxins Pollute Missouri's Waterways** - 6/23/14 - Missouri's lakes, rivers and streams have helped shape the state's history. But a new report is warning their future could be in jeopardy, thanks to a toxic brew of chemicals.

<http://www.ozarksfirst.com/story/d/story/report-finds-toxins-cloggin-missouri-waters/25023/KSxL9mxrbEWv0wiRbw4fVQ>

**Springfield (Mo.) News-Leader - Our Voice: Protect creek and economy** - 6/23/14 - The image of 100,000 dead fish floating along a 4.5-mile stretch of Clear Creek is difficult to conjure up, but the reality of that fish kill is a reminder that chemicals being used by industries around the state and the country have the potential to kill fish and much more.

<http://www.news-leader.com/story/opinion/editorials/2014/06/22/voice-protect-creek-economy/11146503/>

**Connect MidMissouri - Supreme Court limits EPA authority on greenhouse gases** - 6/23/14 - The U.S. Supreme court has placed limits on an Obama Administration program to regulate power plant and industrial emissions of gasses blamed for global warming.

<http://www.connectmidmissouri.com/news/story.aspx?id=1061271#.U6h5vLEmyNI>

**Wichita Eagle (Blog) - Public wants action on climate change** - 6/23/14 - More than 6 in 10 Americans think action is needed to combat climate change, according to a new NBC News/Wall Street Journal survey.

<http://blogs.kansas.com/weblog/2014/06/public-wants-action-on-climate-change/>

**Wichita Eagle - US mayors unanimously pass climate change ideas** - 6/23/14 - A bipartisan group of mayors from across the country unanimously approved a resolution Monday that calls on cities to use natural solutions to fight the effects of climate change.

<http://www.kansas.com/2014/06/23/3521673/us-mayors-to-vote-on-climate-change.html>

## **Press Releases:**

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

None.

## **Fact Sheets:**

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

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None.

## **Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:**

\* New additions noted with an asterisk

**6/24-25/14** – Four-State Directors Meeting (with Joe Goffman), Nebraska City, Neb. Contact: Wendy Lubbe, 7551

**7/9/14** – Waters of the U.S. events with Nancy Stoner, Columbia, Mo. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

**7/9/14** – Hinkson Creek meeting, Columbia, Mo. Contact: Shawn Grindstaff, 7274

**7/11/14** – Joint R6/R7 COOP Meeting, Dallas, Texas. Contact: Chris Taylor, 7736

**7/16/14** – Tribal Consultation Training, Regional Office. Contact: Heather Hamilton, 7039

**7/21-22/14** – Budget Forum, Washington, D.C. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

**7/23-24/14** – National Tribal Operations Committee Meeting, Washington DC. Contact: Lynn Slugantz, 7883

**7/28-30/14** – Regional Tribal Operations Committee Meeting, Niobara, Neb. Contact: Lynn Slugantz, 7883

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**6/24-25/14** – Four State Directors Meeting, Nebraska City, Neb. Contact: Wendy Lubbe, 7551

**7/21-22/14** – Budget Forum, Washington, D.C. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

**\*7/23-7/24/14** Executive Management Council Meeting, Washington, DC Contact: Dana Peters, x7444

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**RA/Immediate Office**

None

**Other Events**

**AWMD**

None

**CNSL**

None

**ECO/EJ**

None

**ENSV**

None

**PLMG**

None

## **RA/OPA**

**9/29-30/14** - Healthy Schools Outreach, Missouri School Plant Managers' Association Conference, Four Seasons, Lake of the Ozarks, Mo. Contact: Kathleen Fenton, 7874 and Harry Diesel, 7382

## **SUPR**

None

## **WWPD**

**6/23-24/14** – Iowa Department of Natural Resources Copper Biotic Ligand Model Technical Meeting, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: John Reyna, 7021

**6/23-26/14** – Office of Pesticide Programs/Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance National Federal Insecticide, Fungicide Rodenticide Act Supervisor's Meeting, Washington, DC. Contacts: Jamie Green, 7139, Royan Teter, 7609

**6/24-26/14** – National Underground Injection Control Managers Meeting, Washington, DC. Contacts: Mary Mindrup, 7431, Kurt Hildebrandt, 7413

**6/25/14** – Providing Technical Training on the Revised Total Coliform Rule for the Missouri Department of Natural Resources Drinking Water Program, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Stan Calow, 7410

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